

550.34

SECTION V.—SEISMOLOGY.

SEISMOLOGICAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, 1917.

W. J. HUMPHREYS, Professor in Charge.

[Dated: Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, 1917.]

TABLE 1.—*Noninstrumental earthquake reports, October, 1917.*

Day.	Approximate time, Greenwich Civil.	Station.	Approximate latitude.	Approximate longitude.	Intensity Rossi-Forel.	Number of shocks.	Duration.	Sounds.	Remarks.	Observer.
1917. Sept. 3	H. m. 7 40	CALIFORNIA.								
		San Francisco.....	37 48	122 26	4	3	M. s.	None.....		George Miller.
11	21 26	Salinas.....	36 36	121 40	4	1	2	None.....		Dr. E. D. Eddy.
		Spreckels.....	36 35	121 38	3	1	1	Rumbling.....		Dr. M. A. Klein.
14	0 50	San Francisco.....	37 48	122 26	2	1		None.....		O. E. Faubion.
16	23 50	Calexico.....	32 41	115 30	3	2	6	None.....		I. R. Ralston.
		Calexico.....	32 41	115 30	3	1	5	None.....		C. N. Perry.
26	9 18	Berkeley.....	37 52	122 16	3	2		None.....	Good record on instrument.	E. F. Davis.
		Los Gatos.....	37 12	121 58	4	1	8	None.....		I. H. Snyder.
		San Francisco.....	37 48	122 26	3	1	2	None.....		G. H. Willson.
		San Jose.....	37 20	121 54	5	2	9	None.....		Maurice Connell.
		San Jose.....	37 20	121 54	3	1		None.....		L. H. Kroeck.
		Stanford University.....	37 27	122 09	3	1	5			S. D. Townley.
27	3 40	Eureka.....	40 48	124 11	2	1	1	None.....	House creaked.....	James Jones.
		NEW JERSEY.*								
10	17 00	Northfield.....	39 22	74 32	3-4	1	Few	None.....	Doors and windows rattled. Other shocks at intervals.	Edna Ryan.
		Ocean City.....	39 18	74 34	3-4	1		None.....		B. F. Smith.
		Pleasantville.....	39 23	74 32	3	1		None.....		Eugene Swilkey.
		Somers Point.....	39 18	74 35	4	1	Few	None.....		Lucinda Looy.
		Ventnor.....	39 21	74 26	4	1	Few	None.....		Wm. A. Dunn.
		NEW YORK.								
2	2 14	Glens Falls.....	43 21	73 36	2-3	1	3	Rattling.....		C. L. Williams.

* Possibly due to gun firing.

TABLE 2.—*Instrumental reports, October, 1917.*

[Time used: Mean Greenwich, midnight to midnight. Nomenclature: International.]

[For significance of symbols see REVIEW for July, 1917, p. 373.]

Date.	Character.	Phase.	Time.	Period T.	Amplitude.		Distance.	Remarks.	Date.	Character.	Phase.	Time.	Period T.	Amplitude.		Distance.	Remarks.	
					A _s	A _x								A _s	A _x			
Alaska. Sitka. Magnetic Observatory. U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. J. W. Green.									California. Berkeley. University of California.									
Lat., 57° 03' 00" N.; long., 135° 30' 00" W. Elevation, 15.2 meters.									Lat., 37° 52' 16" N.; long., 122° 15' 37" W. Elevation, 85.4 meters.									
Instruments: Two Bosch-Omori, 10 and 12 kg.									(See Bulletin of the Seismographic Stations, University of California.)									
Instrumental constants...{E 10 16.7 N 10 15.4																		

No earthquake recorded during October, 1917.

Arizona. Tucson. Magnetic Observatory. U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. F. P. Ulrich.	Lat. 32° 14' 48" N.; long., 110° 50' 06" W. Elevation, 769.6 meters.	Instruments: Two Bosch-Omori, 10 and 12 kg.	V T ₀ Instrumental constants...{E 10 13.9 N 10 19.1

1917. Oct. 13		H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.
eP.....		4 24 40	4			
eL.....		4 29 20	7			
M.....		4 29 57	8	20		
M.....		4 30 23	4		10	
F.....		4 42 ..				
eP.....		16 46 34	4			
eN.....		16 37 36	15			
M.....		16 52 42	4	10		
M.....		16 54 37	20		20	
F.....		17 10 ..				

California. Berkeley. University of California.

Lat., 37° 52' 16" N.; long., 122° 15' 37" W. Elevation, 85.4 meters.

(See Bulletin of the Seismographic Stations, University of California.)

California. Mount Hamilton. Lick Observatory.

Lat., 37° 20' 24" N.; long., 121° 38' 34" W. Elevation, 1,281.7 meters.

(See Bulletin of the Seismographic Stations, University of California.)

California. Point Loma. Raja Yoga Academy. F. J. Dick.

Lat., 32° 43' 03" N.; long., 117° 15' 10" W. Elevation, 91.4 meters.

Instrument: Two-component, C. D. West seismoscope.

(Report for October, 1917, not received.)

California. Santa Clara. University of Santa Clara. J. S. Ricard, S. J.

Lat., 37° 26' 36" N.; long., 121° 57' 03" W. Elevation, 27.43 meters.

(See record of the Seismographic Station, University of Santa Clara.)

TABLE 2.—Instrumental reports, October, 1917—Continued.

Date.	Character.	Phase.	Time.	Period T.	Amplitude.		Distance.	Remarks.
					A _E	A _N		

New York. Buffalo. Canisius College. John A. Curtin, S. J.

Lat., 42° 53' 02" N.; long., 78° 52' 40" W. Elevation, 190.5 meters.

Instrument: Wiechert, 80 kg., horizontal.

Instrumental constants.. $\frac{V}{E} \frac{T_0}{72} \frac{\epsilon}{5.1}$

(Report for October, 1917, not received.)

New York. Fordham. Fordham University. W. C. Repetti, S. J.								
Lat., 40° 51' 47" N.; long., 73° 53' 08" W. Elevation, 23.9 meters.								

Instrument: Wiechert, 80 kg.

Instrumental constants.. $\frac{V}{E} \frac{T_0}{72} \frac{\epsilon}{5.1}$

1917.			H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.	Possible error of a few seconds in the time.
Oct. 19		L.....	17 11 00					

New York. Ithaca. Cornell University. Heinrich Ries.

Lat., 42° 26' 58" N.; long., 76° 29' 09" W. Elevation, 242.6 meters.

Instruments: Two Bosch-Omori, 25 kg., horizontal pendulums (mechanical registration).

Instrumental constants.. $\frac{V}{E} \frac{T_0}{13} \frac{\epsilon}{22.4:1}$

(Report for October, 1917, not received.)

Panama Canal Zone. Balboa Heights. Isthmian Canal Commission.								
Lat., 8° 57' 39" N.; long., 79° 33' 29" W. Elevation, 27.6 meters.								

Instruments: Two Bosch-Omori, 100 kg.

Instrumental constants.. $\frac{V}{E} \frac{T_0}{35} \frac{\epsilon}{20}$

1917.			H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km. 740	Direction?
Oct. 22		P.....	7 20 44					
		P.....	7 21 10					
		L.....	7 22 20					
		L.....	7 22 46					
		M.....	7 23 06					
		M.....	7 23 10					
		F.....	7 45 00					
		F.....	7 48 00					
28		P.....	13 24 48					
		L.....	13 26 10					
		M.....	13 26 11					
		L.....	13 26 16					
		M.....	13 26 34					
		F.....	13 53 12					
		F.....	13 55 08					

*Trace amplitude.

Porto Rico. Vieques. Magnetic Observatory. U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. F. L. Adams.								
Lat., 18° 09' N.; long., 65° 27' W. Elevation, 19.8 meters.								

Instruments: Two Bosch-Omori.

Instrumental constants.. $\frac{V}{E} \frac{T_0}{10} \frac{\epsilon}{17.5}$

1917.			H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.	
Oct. 19		eP.....	16 47 50					
		eP.....	16 48 36	4				
		eL.....	16 52 43	16				
		eL.....	16 53 00	16				
		M.....	16 55 32	14	20			
		M.....	16 56 32	12		10		
		F.....	17 12 ..					
22		eP.....	7 24 12	4				
		eP.....	7 24 20					
		eL.....	7 27 52	14				
		eL.....	7 27 56	10				
		M.....	7 28 16	10	30			
		M.....	7 28 30	10		10		
		F.....	7 50 ..					

Date.	Character.	Phase.	Time.	Period T.	Amplitude.		Distance.	Remarks.
					A _E	A _N		

Vermont. Northfield. U. S. Weather Bureau. Wm. A. Shaw.

Lat., 44° 10' N.; long., 73° 41' W. Elevation, 256 meters.

Instruments: Two Bosch-Omori, mechanical registration.

1917.	Oct. 19	eL.....	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.	V T_0	
								E	N
			16 52 00						
		F.....	17 15 00						

Canada. Ottawa. Dominion Astronomical Observatory. Earthquake Station. Otto Klotz.

Lat., 45° 23' 38" N.; long., 75° 42' 57" W. Elevation, 83 meters.

Instruments: Two Bosch photographic horizontal pendulums, one Spindler & Hoyer 80 kg. vertical seismograph.

1917.	Oct. 7	O.....	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.	V T_0	
								E	N
		P.....	14 55 49						
		S.....	15 01 21						
		S.....	15 03 45						
		L.....	15 08 24						
		eL.....	4 40 ..		20				
		O.....	16 37 11						
		T _N	16 43 59						
		S.....	16 49 23						
		eL?	16 53 30						
		L.....	16 50 ..		30				
		L.....	17 00 ..		14				
		F.....	17 20 ..						
		e.....	7 53 50		2				
		L.....	{ 7 40 ..		17				
		{ 7 50 ..							

Canada. Toronto. Dominion Meteorological Service.

Lat. 43° 40' 01" N.; long., 79° 23' 54" W. Elevation, 113.7 meters. Subsoil: Sand and clay.

Instrument: Milne horizontal pendulum, North. In the meridian.

1917.	Oct. 7	L?	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.	T ₀	
								E	N
		L?	15 26 42						
		L?	15 45 12						
		M.....							
		L.....	5 00 18						
		F.....	5 06 36						
		P.....	16 39 48						
		P.....	16 42 47						
		S.....	16 46 42						
		S.....	16 49 18						
		L.....	16 51 36						
		L.....	16 53 48						
		M.....	16 57 00						
		L?	18 35 36						
		L?	18 44 18						
		S?	7 33 12						
		L.....	7 36 24						
		M.....	7 37 36						
		L.....	7 46 18						
		L.....	8 06 24						
		F.....	8 24 24						
		L?	8 04 18						
		L?	13 40 36						
		L?	13 43 42						
		M.....	13 46 36						
		F.....	14 10 30						
		L.....	17 52 12						
		L?	21 41 30						
		L?	21 47 18						
		M.....	21 51 42						
		F.....	22 58 18						

*Trace amplitude.

TABLE 2.—*Instrumental reports, October, 1917—Continued.*

Date.	Character.	Phase.	Time.	Period T.	Amplitude.		Distance.	Remarks.						
					A _S	A _N								
Canada. Victoria, B. C. Dominion Meteorological Service.														
Lat., 48° 24' N.; long., 123° 19' W. Elevation, 67.7 meters. Subsoil: Rock.														
Instrument: Weichert, vertical; Milne horizontal pendulum, North. In the meridian														
Instrumental constant... 18. Pillar deviation, 1 mm., swing of boom—0.54".														
<i>T₀</i>														
1917. Oct. 7	P.....	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.								
	S?....	15 21 34				2,490?								
	L....	15 25 38												
	M....	15 30 35												
	F?....	15 35 33		*500										
		15 49 55												
13	L....	4 40 00												
	L....	4 43 24		*100										
	F....	4 50 06												
19	P....	16 44 24				5,250								
	S?....	16 51 20												
	L....	17 00 46												
	M....	17 07 42		*500										
	F....	17 38 28												
	VERTICAL.													
	M....	17 07 00	14-16	A _S	I									
20	L....	18 15 09												
	M....	18 21 42		*200										
	F....	18 29 39												
22	P or S?....	7 42 06												
	L....	7 51 01												
	M....	7 58 28		*400										
	F....	8 21 46												
23	P....	8 05 58												
	L....	8 11 25												
	M....	8 14 53		*200										
	F....	8 19 51												
28	L....	13 57 20		*50										
	F....	14 09 20												
28	L....	17 50 44		*100										
	F....	18 14 14												
29	P....	20 59 20												
	L....	21 17 42												
	M....	21 30 35		*300										
	F....	21 46 57												

* Trace amplitude.

SEISMOLOGICAL DISPATCHES.¹

There were no press reports of seismological or vulcanological disturbances during October, 1917.

¹ Reported by the organizations indicated and collected by the seismological station at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

TABLE 3.—*Late seismological reports. (Instrumental.)*

Date.	Character.	Phase.	Time.	Period T.	Amplitude.		Distance.	Remarks.						
					A _S	A _N								
Massachusetts. Cambridge. Harvard University Seismographic Station, J. B. Woodworth.														
Lat., 42° 22' 36" N.; long., 71° 06' 59" W. Elevation, 5.4 meters. Foundation: Glacial sand over clay.														
Instruments: Two Bosch-Omori 100 kg. horizontal pendulums (mechanical registration).														
<i>V T₀ *</i>														
Instrumental constants... { E 80 23 0 N 50 25 4:1														
1917. Sep. 18	e?....	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.								
	L....	18 53 49												
		18 54 42		24										
18	O?....	22 04 07												
	eL?....	22 13 20												
	S?....	22 19 50		6										
	eL _E	22 25 53		24										
	L....	23 35 54		16										
	F....	22 51 ..												
20	L....	3 41 16												
	L....	4 03 20		15										
	L....	4 16 14		14										
	F....	4 30 25												
21	O?....	8 45 04												
	eL?....	8 54 11												
	L....	8 54 46												
	S?....	8 56 50		6										
	S?....	8 57 56		6										
	eL _E	9 00 16		12										
	eL _N	9 00 54		9										
	L _N	9 02 43		6										
	F _E	9 04 54												
24	C _E	21 02 24		20										
	L _E	21 14 36		24										
	L....	{ 21 17 16 } 20-18												
		{ 21 25 24 }												
31	O?....	21 36 05												
	P?....	21 38 07												
	S?....	21 39 47		6										
	eL _N	21 40 07												
	eL _E	21 40 11		12										
	L _N	21 40 38		13										

EARTH TREMOR DUE TO THUNDER NOTES.²

Mr. Douglas F. Manning, Alexandria Bay, N. Y., sends the following report under date of October 28, 1917:

A peculiar effect of thunder was felt here last night (Oct. 27, 1917), between the hours of 10 and 11 p. m. The day had been ideal with a light south wind, mild temperature, and a few alto-cumuli moving lazily from the west; in fact, it was an "Indian Summer" type of day.

Toward evening my aneroid began to fall rapidly and the clouds increased, and by 8 o'clock a rain was falling. At about 10 [p. m.] I noticed a flash of lightning, and this was followed in a short interval by a deep, prolonged rumble, causing windows and doors to rattle, chinaware to jar, and a distinct earth tremor was felt; in fact, many thought it was one. The lightning increased in intensity and frequency and the same marked earth tremors followed each flash at short intervals, and it seemed as if a series of earthquakes were taking place, so strong was the concussion produced. The storm gradually passed over accompanied by a tremendous but brief downpour of rain mixed with small hail, and by 11 o'clock all was still again.

To-day one hears many stories of the storm and its peculiar behavior, all making note of the trembling effect produced.

This instructive letter is published for the benefit of others interested in these problems.

Since "musical" notes of very low pitch and great volume are occasionally produced by a series of sequent or pulsating lightning discharges, it seems probable that the shaking described by Mr. Manning was owing in great measure to the resonance response of rooms to thunder notes of this character.—W. J. Humphreys.

² In this connection compare W. Schmidt "On Thunder," MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW, December, 1914, 42 : 665 fig.